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SUBJECT: VISIT OF SECRETARY SIMON TO ISRAEL AND VISIT OF
FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON TO U.S.

FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON

REF: STATE 142495

1. I AM MOST GRATEFUL FOR GUIDANCE IN REFTEL AND OTHER CABLES
RESPONSIVE TO OUR NEEDS FOR QUICK INFO RE VISIT OF SIMON. SOME
DETAILS RE SIMON VISIT ARE IN SEPTEL. WALTER SIMTH HAS LONG-STANDING
PLANS TO DEPART POST ON JULY 9. ALL THINGS CONSIDERED, I DO NOT
BELIEVE IT NECESSARY TO DELAY HIS DEPARTURE IN ORDER FOR HIM TO
BE ASSOCIATED WITH SIMON VISIT. HE WILL, HOWEVER, FINISH HIS
INITIAL BRIEFING IN IAI AND BE PREPARED TO WORK WITH YOU ON
ALLON VISIT.

2. FORMIN ALLON TOLD ME LAST NIGHT AT SOCIAL FUNCTION THAT HE WOULD
BE IN WASHINGTON IN LATE JULY AND WANTED TO BE HERE FOR SIMON
VISIT WHICH WILL NOW BE FEASIBLE. WE CONFIRMED JULY 16-18 TO
EVRON THIS MORNING AS DATES FOR SIMON VISIT. HE NOTED ALLON
WOULD PARTICIPATE, AND TOLD US THAT ALLON SUGGESTS THAT HE
VISIT WASHINGTON FOR ONE WEEK BEGINNING ON SUNDAY, JULY 28.
EVRON AND A FEW AS YET UNNAMED PERSONS WILL ACCOMPANY ALLON.

3. I BELIEVE WE SHOULD RECOGNIZE THAT ALLON VIEWS HIS POSITION
QUITE DIFFERENTLY THAN HIS PREDECESSOR AS FOREIGN MINISTER.

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HE ALSO IS VERY CONSCIOUS OF HIS TITLE OF DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER.

HE DOES NOT, THEREFORE, CONSIDER DEFMIN PERES OR FINMIN RABINOWITZ AS HIS EQUALS. I BELIEVE, THEREFORE, THAT IN ADDITION TO THE DISCUSSIONS HE WILL HAVE IN WASHINGTON ON "NEXT STEPS" AND RELATED ISSUES, HE WILL ALSO EXPECT TO KEEP UP THE MOMENTUM OF THE PERES VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND THE SIMON VISIT TO ISRAEL RE ECONOMIC AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE.

4. EVRON REQUESTED CONFIRMATION OF THE JULY 28 DATE ASAP. HE NOTED THAT THE SOONER THE DATE IS FIRM, THE QUICKER THE ISRAELIS WOULD START DOING SOME OF THE HARD THINKING WHICH, AMONG OTHER THINGS, WOULD HAVE TO BE REVIEWED BY THE CABINET PRIOR TO ALLON'S DEPARTURE.
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